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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK: VISIT OF RAYMOND J. ALBRIGHT

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1. INCOURSE OF DETAILED DISCUSSION MARCH 10 OF PROPOSED ALBRIGHT SCHEDULE BELGRADE APRIL 4-5, FINANCE SECRETARIAT (JELIC) INFORMED US THAT FINANCE SECRETARY SMOLE PLANS TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH ALBRIGHT, BUT THAT IT NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT ASSISTANT FINANCE SECRETARY POPOVIC WILL BE IN YUGOSLAVIA DURING PERIOD OF VISIT. WE THEN SPOKE TO POPOVIC AND REITERATED KEEN ALBRIGHT INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH HIM. POPOVIC REPLIED THAT HE WOULD TRY HIS BEST TO ADJUST HIS COMMITMENTS AND REMAIN IN BELGRADE APRIL 4-5. IF UNABLE TO DO SO, HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING APRIL 9 FOR TWO WEEKS ON IBRD BUSINESS. HE WOULD PLAN TO DEVOTE ONE FULL DAY OR MORE FOR THROUGH DISCUSSION WITH ALBRIGHT OF ALL ASPECTS EXIM MATTERS AND YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC PROSPECTS.

2. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WORKED OUT AS FOLLOWS WITH FINANCE SECRETARIAT:

WEDNESDAY (APRIL 3)

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1840 - ARRIVAL VIA LOT 267 FROM WARSAW. GOTZLINGER, WEINTGARTEN, AND FINANCE SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WILL MEET AND ASSIST.

2000 - STAG DINNER/BRIEFING WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS.

THURSDAY (APRIL 4)

0900 - FINANCE SECRETARIAT - CALL ON FINANCE SECRETARY SMOLE WITH AMBASSADOR.

1000 - FINANCE SECRETARIAT - DISCUSSION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY POPOVIC AND FINANCE SECRETARIAT STAFF. IF POPOVIC NOT IN BELGRADE, SMOLE WILL PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION, AT LEAST FOR A TIME.

1230 - FEDERAL PLANNING INSTITUTE - ANAKIOSKI HAS MOVED TO FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR MARKETS AND PRICES. EMBASSY SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH HIS SUCCESSOR NIKOLA SKUNDRIC OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL.

1330 - LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FINANCE SECRETARIAT - SMOLE POSSIBLE HOST.

1600 - MEETING AT FINANCE SECRETARIAT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF JAT, BUCIM/FENI AND KRSKO. THIS MEETING PROPOSED BY FINANCE SECRETARIAT.

1830 - RECEPTION/BUFFET HOSTED BY OIC ECON/COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS LEE GOTZLINGER. WE PLAN TO INVITE GROUP OF BANKERS AND BUSINESSMEN ALONG LINES ALBRIGHT LETTER MRACH 8 TO AMBASSADOR AS WELL AS OTHER SELECTED YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS. ALBRIGHT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER USING THIS OCCASION FOR INFORMAL REMARKS AND DISCUSSION.

FRIDAY (APRIL 5)

0900-1115 - NATIONAL BANK - DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR COLANOVIC AND STAFF.

1130 - FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT - MEETING WITH GAVRO CEROVIC, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC RELATIONS.
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1245 - FOREIGN TRADE SECRETARIAT - EMBASSY SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH MRS. ZIBERNA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, WHO HAS REPLACED TOMIC.

1330 - LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR TOON (WE PLAN TO INVITE SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BANKERS).

EVENING - FINANCE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES INFORMAL DINNER AT IMA DANA RESTAURANT.

WE ARE ALSO SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH YUGOBANKA AND BEOGRADSKA BANKA.

3. IT APPEARS AS OF NOW THAT WE CAN FULLY COVER AGENDA OF EXIMBANK TOPICS IN FOREGOING SCHEDULE, BUT SUGGEST ALBRIGHT MAY WISH TO LEAVE OPTIONS OPEN FOR DISCUSSIONS OVER WEEKEND AND ON MONDAY, IF NECESSARY. IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO LEAVE BELGRADE SUNDAY APRIL 7 VIA JAT 210 AT 0845 TO LONDON AND CONNECT WITH BOAC 521 DEPARTING AT 1330 TO WASHINGTON (DULLES) AND ARRIVING 1655 APRIL 7.

4. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE RESIDENCE GUEST HOUSE AVAILABLE, IF ALBRIGHT DESIRES. (WE HAVE RESERVED ROOM AT HOTEL METROPOLE).
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